Immunisation of Children

2286. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 46 per cent children in the country have not been immunized against vaccine preventable diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to immunize all the children against the vaccine preventable diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) As per UNICEF evaluation, the percentage of fully immunized children in the country against the six vaccine preventable diseases namely childhood tuberculosis, diptheria, pertusis, poliomyelitis, measles and neo-natal tetanus in 2000-2001 was 53.6%.

(c) Under Universal Immunisation Programme implemented by Government of India through the States, vaccination is available to the children throughout the Country for control of six vaccine preventable diseases.

As a part of the Immunisation Strengthening Project, the RCH Outreach Scheme is being implemented to improve the delivery of immunization and other maternal and child health services in remote and comparatively weak in 151 districts of various States.

Contaminated bottled drinking water

2287. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a swoop on errant bottled drinking water manufacturers, Government have cancelled the ISI quality mark licence of even more plants, including three producing popular brands; and

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking to ensure that the quality standards of bottled water are maintained?